

REMARKS

Claims 1-47 are all of the claims pending in the application. Claims 2-10, 25-39, and 41-47 are withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected species. By this Amendment, applicant hereby adds claim 48.

I. Formal Matters

The Examiner returned the forms PTO/SB/08 submitted with the Information Disclosure Statements of April 5, 2005, and July 5, 2006, indicating that the documents cited therein have been considered.

II. Summary of the Office Action

The Examiner allowed claims 22-24. The Examiner rejected claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. The Examiner rejected claims 1, 11-17, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). The Examiner objected to claims 18, 19, and 40.

III. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claim 21 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection and submits that claim 21 is definite. The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph rejection of claim 21.

IV. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1, 11-17, and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,378,931 to Kolluri et al. (hereinafter "Kolluri").

Turning first to independent claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that Kolluri does not disclose "the EA component comprises a foamed polyurethane; and the first locking part is

integrated with the foamed polyurethane,” as recited, *inter alia*, in claim 1. According to Kolluri, fixed window panels may be glass glazing panels or molded plastic panels, not foamed polyurethane (*see* col. 1, lines 18-21 and lines 25-30 of Kolluri). For at least this reason, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is patentable over Kolluri.

Moreover, the Examiner alleges that Kolluri discloses “a first locking part that is integrated with the EA component,” as recited, *inter alia*, in claim 1. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

According to Kolluri, a plurality of integral locator guide features 22 project rearwardly from the inside of the perimeter area 18 of the window panel 10 (*see* FIG. 1 and col. 2, lines 43-54 of Kolluri), instead of from an EA component. A person of ordinary skill in the art would understand that an EA component is not the same as a window panel. Moreover, Kolluri does not disclose any impact energy-absorbing properties of the window panel. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Kolluri does not disclose a first locking part that is integrated with the EA component.

For at least the above reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is patentable over Kolluri. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 11-17 and 20 are patentable over Kolluri at least by virtue of their dependency on claim 1.

V. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 22-24 are allowed. Applicant hereby rewrites claim 24 into independent form.

Claims 18, 19, and 40 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base

claim and any intervening claims. Applicant hereby rewrites claims 18 and 40 into independent form. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 18, 19, and 40 are allowable.

Claim 21 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant respectfully requests that the rewriting of claim 21 be held in abeyance until the arguments have been considered with respect to the base claim.

VI. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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